

# Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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## Pentecost 2018

### Build

Jesus and the Gospel writers were not lacking in verbal skills. Had they wished to define the Kingdom of God in specific terms, they were capable of doing so. They chose not to. What the Kingdom of God is to be has been left to us. It has been left to us to envision, to dream, to imagine and to build.

-Br. Mark Brown  
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

## Anglican Church of Canada: News from General Synod

### Canadian Anglicans attend Brazilian Episcopal Church General Synod

By Matt Gardner

Representatives of the Anglican Church of Canada deepened ties with their Brazilian counterparts this month as international guests at the 34th General Synod of the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (IEAB), or the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

Bishop Linda Nicholls of the Diocese of Huron and Global Relations Director Andrea Mann travelled to Brasilia to attend the Brazilian church's latest General Synod, which took place from May 31-June 3. Due to scheduling conflicts as a result of his presence at the Council of General Synod, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, selected Bishop Nicholls to attend as the Primate's designate.

The two Canadian Anglicans were among a handful of international guests that included the Primus of Scotland Mark Strange, Primate-elect Julip Murray of the province of Central America, Oklahoma Bishop Edward Konieczny representing

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of The Episcopal Church and representatives of the United Society Partners in the Gospel from England.

“We are in a conversation with the province to discern renewal of partnership between ourselves and the Brazilian church,” Mann said. “Attending their synod was a good opportunity to reconnect with leaders of the church and to listen to reports and have conversations both with the leadership and synod delegates, but also with the Brazilian church’s other international partners.”

### **A small but growing Anglican province**

The IEAB is a relatively new province of the Anglican Communion, having officially joined in 1965 as its 19th ecclesiastical province. With a membership of approximately 120,000 in a country whose population exceeds 200 million people, the IEAB is a small but growing church that has a reputation for inclusivity.

Total attendance at the IEAB General Synod was estimated at 65 people representing 10 dioceses, each of which has three laity, three clergy, and one bishop. Reflecting the relative newness of the province itself, much of the conversation at the Synod involved efforts to establish new canons, clarify working relationships, and find financial stability for dioceses and as a provincial synod.

As a representative of the Primate and her own Diocese of Huron, which has a companion diocese relationship with the Diocese of Amazonia in Brazil, Bishop Nicholls described an atmosphere of camaraderie and solidarity at the synod.

“It’s a real privilege to sit and watch another church at work in its life,” the bishop said. “There was an informality to the provincial synod that our General Synod [in Canada] would find curious. There isn’t the same strictness about rules of order, but there’s a wonderful spirit of joyful participation and passion about what they’re doing, and that was good to see.”

### **Same-sex marriage resolution**

Aside from the election of a new Primate, Bishop Naudal Alves Gomes, one of the most significant developments at the Brazilian General Synod was the passing of a resolution permitting same-sex marriages in the church.

The resolution has obvious parallels to the debate facing the Anglican Church of Canada as it heads into General Synod 2019 in Vancouver, where members will vote on the second reading of a similar amendment to their own marriage canon.

Bishop Nicholls noted that Brazilian Anglicans have gained an identity among the wider churches of Brazil as “a church that has claimed very strongly the principle of inclusivity and justice ... There were a number of LGBTQ people, both lay and clergy, that are part of the church, and that intense commitment to inclusivity was a strong

factor in this, but not exclusively, because there certainly were rural dioceses that expressed concern over this.”

In the end, the resolution to permit same-sex marriage passed overwhelmingly, with 57 voting in favour and three against.

Despite the disparity in votes, Bishop Nicholls described a relationship among those in attendance based on a clear sense of mutual respect.

“It was a very strong vote, and I think the reason was that the people who were opposed felt that there had been space created for them by allowing it to be at the discretion of the bishop, which gave them a place where if their bishop was not in favour, they didn’t feel they would be forced into anything,” Bishop Nicholls said.

“I was moved by the fact that when the vote happened, and there was great joy amongst those who had been working towards this for some time, those who were opposed kept a gracious silence,” she added. “They weren’t angry, they weren’t upset, they didn’t stomp out of the room, they didn’t make it clear that they were unhappy. They just quietly sat and let the others who felt strongly about this have that moment. And that was different than some of what I saw at our last General Synod.”

### **Deepening relationship**

As the new Brazilian Primate prepares to take on his new responsibilities, the IEAB and the Canadian church continue to make plans to strengthen their national and international commitments to social and ecological justice?priorities highlighted by Bishop Gomes’ predecessor, Bishop Francisco de Assis da Silva, in his 2016 presentation to the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Following a request by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby for regional consultations of all Primates before the Lambeth 2020 conference, Archbishop Fred Hiltz volunteered to host a meeting of Primates from the Americas in Ontario this November. Though logistics remain to be worked out, Mann expressed hope that Primate Gomes would be able to attend the gathering.

“My impression about the relationship between our two churches is that there is certainly a spirit of friendship and mutual interest, and respect in the other’s ministries and contexts for church development and church ministry. [...] There is an interest in seeing where we might go further and more substantially from here.”

### **News and Events:**

#### **1. Deanery Council News:**

##### **a. CAMP MANITOU Season 2018**

Camp Manitou is opening soon for 2018. Each congregation in the Deanery is asked to please add this Diocesan Camp to your prayer

list for great team leadership in each camp and that God will lead children and families. And keep praying from now to first week of September and beyond as the Board of Directors then evaluates and starts working toward summer 2019. There are still some volunteers needed - contact Shari Blasutti at [blasuts59@gmail.com](mailto:blasuts59@gmail.com) or Trevor Marshall at [marshall.trevor@gmail.com](mailto:marshall.trevor@gmail.com) Camp opens in late June with a Work Camp, followed in July by 1 week camps for senior girls, junior girls, senior boys and junior boys and in August by nature camp, and three family camps with a close-up work week in early September. All registrations can be completed online at the website below. If any of you are interested in volunteering in any way or interested in providing bursaries for campers or donating your time talent and money in any way, please go to the camp website: [www.manitoucamp.org](http://www.manitoucamp.org)

- b. **From the Diocesan Office:**  
 i. **Prayers requested for Donna Bos**  
 Posted: May 4, 2018

Many in the Diocese of Algoma will remember Donna Bos who worked in the Synod Office as office receptionist, William McMurray manager and overall "good feeling" coordinator. Donna is undergoing surgery on May 29th to remove a malignant growth on her lung. She has requested prayers from her Diocesan family.

From St. Augustine's Prayer Book:

'Good Jesus, physician of souls and bodies, in your mercy tend to those who are burdened with illness; soothe with your presence each ache and pain; because you have known the weakness and pain of our mortal bodies, teach us to unite our sufferings with yours and give us patience to endure our own pain and tender sympathy for the pain of others, that in all things we may grow in knowledge of you and in all circumstances may accomplish your good purposes. Amen'

We ask God for guidance and wisdom for her surgeon, compassion for her caregivers, and support for her family. We also ask that Donna be relieved of any anxiety as she awaits her surgery date.

- ii. **Algoma News:**  
 Thorneloe University News  
 (1) Posted: June 11, 2018

President, Provost, and Vice-Chancellor  
 Thorneloe University invites nominations, applications, and expressions of interest for the above position. Details are available from the Diocesan website here. Visit our Website.

## (2) Posted: June 11, 2018: Theology Course

THEO 3900 – Special Topics in Theology: Christian Mystics and Spiritual Discipline (The Rev. Dr. Spencer Boersma)  
 “Since with all my soul I behold the face of my beloved, therefore all the beauty of his form is seen in me.” ~ Gregory of Nyssa.

This course will survey the history and theology of Christian spirituality focusing on those unique individuals often identified as “mystics” and what their lives and writings have to teach us about relating to God. What does it mean to experience God? How does one practice Christian spirituality? In doing so, the course will also explore various virtues and spiritual disciplines such as reading of Scripture, prayer, fasting, meditation, etc. with special focus on how these practices are taught and adapted to meet human needs, including mental health and disability.

Classes will take place 9 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Two written assignments

One in-class presentation

No exam

Registered students may request to stay in the Thorneloe Residence at no extra cost (please place your request no later than June 11, 2018)

#### Required Textbooks

Foster, Richard. Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth. New York: HarperCollins, 2009. ISBN-13: 978-0-0618-0039-9

Calhoun, Adele Ahlberg. Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices that Transform Us. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2015. ISBN-13: 978-0-8308-9911-1

#### Registration Fees:

For credit: \$450

To audit: \$330

Registration Deadline: June 18, 2018

To register: 2018SP/SS (Fillable PDF)

There are no pre-requisites for this course

More information and info available at

<http://thorneloe.ca/theology>

#### c. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively

New Website: our new Website is up and running:

[www.thelivelyanglican.org](http://www.thelivelyanglican.org)

Summer Worship Services:

All services at 10 AM. In July services will be at Christ Church Lively. In August, Services are at St. John the Divine Copper Cliff.

d. **T-Shirt design Contest for CLAY 2018** (from Diocesan Treasurer Jane Mesich)

Hi Everyone:

My son, James, is involved with PWRDF Youth Council. They are doing a T-shirt design contest. The new design will be unveiled at CLAY 2018 in Thunder Bay in August.

Please help us spread the word to the youth in your diocese.

The link to the website page is below:

<http://www.justgeneration.ca/help-the-pwrdf-youth-council-design-its-next-t-shirt/>

Thanks.

Jane Mesich, Diocesan Treasurer, Diocese of Algoma

2. **Future Events to Mark on Your Calendars:**

a. **Church of the Ascension**

Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study

Bible study is now done for the summer, but we will be having Eucharist every Wednesday at 9:30am through the month of June.

National Indigenous People's Day – June 24th

June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. Following the 11am service one June 24th we will be having a meal and then some teachings from a local Indigenous knowledge keeper. All Welcome!

Church of the Ascension [Dominion] Canada Day Weekend Breakfast  
- June 30 8:30 - 10:00am

Start Canada's Birthday weekend off with a great breakfast and even better company! Choices for breakfast will include: eggs, sausage, pancakes, oatmeal, toast, fruit, juice, milk, coffee, tea. Free-will donation accepted. For further details, or to volunteer, speak to Fr. Aidan or the Wardens." See attached poster.

Golf Tournament – Sept. 23rd

Join us for the annual golf classic on Sunday September 23rd at Cedar Green Golf Club. The cost is \$45 with a shot gun start at 3pm – this includes 9 holes, power cart, dinner and a chance to win prizes. If you cannot make the golf tournament consider joining us for dinner. For registration, please sign up at the Church of the Ascension or call Ken Winfield 705-566-3258.

b. **Parish of St. Alban's Capreol**

Prayer Request:

Nora, a member of our St. Alban's flock, was born nearly four years ago with a serious heart defect. On May 9, she will undergo open-heart surgery at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. We ask that God will guide the surgeons and all entrusted to Nora's care, that the surgery will be without complications, and that her recovery will result in her being able to live a full and healthy life. We ask, also, that her family will be strengthened and encouraged by God's presence and the peace that comes from knowing they are not alone. We know that God answers prayers and we at St. Alban's ask you to add to ours your individual and collective prayers for Nora and her family, now and as she recovers. **UPDATE:** Nora is recovering, but still at Sick Kids. Prayers for her ongoing recovery would be appreciated for a few more weeks. (See attached poster)

c. **Deanery Daily Vacation Bible Schools**

July 2-6 2018 St. John's Copper Cliff - 9AM -12 PM

Aug 13-17 2018 The Church of the Ascension - 9 AM -12 PM.

This is also an opportunity for this Deanery to sponsor a child (suggested donation of \$20 per child covers materials and snacks) which can be forwarded to Linda Goodale at 1386 Sunnyside Road Sudbury ON P3G 1J1. If you would like to volunteer to help, also contact Linda at 705-522-1639.

- d. **Lutheran Women's Social Monday, September 17:** This event was cancelled earlier this year has been rescheduled for September 17 at noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sudbury. The day's events will include a light lunch, the program based on a Six Word Memoir and a time of fellowship with one another. **All Anglican women are welcome to attend this time of fellowship.** While a reminder will be published in late August, this is an advanced notice so that calendars can be marked. Pam Radunsky.

**We send the Deanery Digest weekly on Fridays, usually before 10 PM.**

Feel free to send me and Allison Cline-Dean (our Webmaster) any and all events and news. Articles are also very welcome. You can use either my personal email as above or the Deanery email address above.

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**We would like to receive items by the Wednesday evening before Friday.** Some items may be repeated due the date of the event. If you have some news and/or articles and miss the Sunday cut off, please send directly to either personal e-mail address above. We will gladly include parish events, special events, and worship times. Please make sure all info is as accurate as possible, and any poster type submissions are as camera ready as possible to be included as **PDF attachments** to the Digest.

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